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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Policies may be free after subsidy

By Catherine Candisky
The Columbus Dispatch

Some Ohioans eligible for tax-subsidized health insurance purchased through Affordable Care Act marketplaces could ultimately pay no premiums for coverage next year.

You heard that right: It would be free after applying income-related tax credits.

"Coverage may be more affordable than people think," said Emily Fisher, access-to-care coordinator for Columbus Public Health, which is helping people find plans on the exchange. "Premium assistance for consumers increased,

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Growing up hunters

Ben Havens prepares his son, River, to go hunting during the two-day youth deer gun season that was held statewide Nov. 18-19.
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Times change, but deer harvesting is still a family tradition

By Mary Beth Lane
The Columbus Dispatch

The Havens family enjoys hunting together across the generations and ribbing the younger generation about how times have changed in the hunting blind.

"I grew up freezing," said Ben Havens, teasing his sons, niece and nephew recently, who now hunt with him and their grandfather, Steve Havens, "and now we have iPads and Little Buddy Heaters and Toasty Toes."

"This new generation, they're pretty pampered," Steve Havens agreed, as his grandchildren laughed and nodded.

The gadgets the younger generation are allowed to bring into the ground blinds and tree stands that the Havens family uses to hunt deer may be new, but the tradition of hunting together as a family has remained the same over multiple generations.

Three generations of the Havens family hunt together, both in Fayette County near where they live in the Washington Court House area, and in Vinton County in southeastern Ohio.

Multigenerational families will be among the hunters pulling on long underwear and camouflage clothing, shouldering their guns and heading out Monday, when Ohio's deer-gun season opens. The season runs through Sunday, with a bonus weekend Dec. 16-17.

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PRISONS

Sentencing review strives for balance

By Randy Ludlow
The Columbus Dispatch

State corrections Director Gary Mohr believes the system sends too many people to state prisons who shouldn't be there.

Union County Prosecutor David Phillips takes a harder line, saying that many criminals deserve the accountability of hard time.

Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Charles Schneider desires more sentencing discretion to better match the offender and crime to the appropriate sanction.

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SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Conyers quits as top Dem on judiciary panel

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michigan Rep. John Conyers, under investigation over allegations he sexually harassed female staff members, said Sunday he will step aside as the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee while fiercely denying he acted inappropriately during his long tenure in Congress.

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